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Mr. George P. Farrell

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence, asked me to inform you, in reply to your letter of 3 November 1959, that this Agency has no information as to the whereabouts of Donald Downes, the author of "The Scarlet Thread."

Thank you for checking with us.

Sincerely,

/S/ S. J. Grogan

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

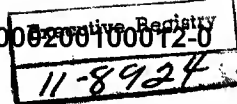
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Dear Mr. Dulles.

As a collector of books on WW II I read one recently called "The Scattered Thread" by Donald Downes of the O.A.A. The odd thing is this book was published in England (publisher Wm. E. Verschoyle) and not the United States. Why I do not know, as it is the best that I have read so far. Could you please tell me what ever became of the author is he still with the government.

Sincerely yours

George P. Farrell

P.S. I pray for you brother ever night, and

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